

# OFFICIAL GAZETTE

## GOVERNMENT OF GOA

### EXTRAORDINARY

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Department of Home

Home—General Division

Office of the District Magistrate, North

#### Order

No. 4/1/92-MAG(IV)

#### Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973

Whereas, information received from various quarters including press reports, it has been observed that there has been strong opposition from different quarters against screening of the film Da Vinci Code and the said film if screened in North Goa is likely to hurt religious sentiments of some section of the society which in turn is likely to cause breach of peace and tranquillity.

Whereas, after observing the emerging situation of the above, I am of the opinion that serious law and order situation is likely to erupt in case screening of the above film is allowed in the District and there is sufficient ground for proceeding under Section 144 Cr. P. C. and immediate preventive remedy is desired to arrest the situation.

And Whereas, the circumstances do not permit serving in due time, of the notices individually.

Now, therefore, I, Nikhil Kumar, I.A.S. District Magistrate, North Goa in exercise of the powers vested in me under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Cr. P. C. do hereby ban public screening of the film Da Vinci Code in North Goa District with immediate effect.

Any person contravening this order shall be punishable under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

As the notice cannot be served individually on all concerned, the order is hereby passed ex-parte. It shall be published for information of public through Press and also by affixing copies on the Notice Boards of all Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Mamlatdars and Police Stations.

This order shall remain in force for 60 days from the date of the order.

Given under my hand and seal of this office dated the 19th day of June, 2006.

*Nikhil Kumar, IAS,*  
District Magistrate,  
North Goa District, Panaji.